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"The United States must also continue to do its part to reinforce Iraq's progress. That is why we are not disengaging from Iraq — rather, the nature of our engagement is changing from a military to a civilian lead."

– Vice President Biden, November 21, 2010.

#### THE END OF COMBAT OPERATIONS IN IRAQ

*"The United States has ended its seven-and-a-half-year-old military operation in Iraq and is shifting to a civilian-led mission to build a partnership with Iraq that will strengthen its government, industry and people."*

#### Remarks by the President in Address to the Nation on the End of Combat Operations in Iraq, August 31, 2010

On August 31, 2010, during his address to the nation, President Barack Obama fulfilled his promise when he took office in 2009 by announcing the end of American combat operations in Iraq. Ending the combat mission in Iraq is an historic moment for the United States. While U.S. troops draw down, dedicated American civilians, such as diplomats, aid workers and advisors, will begin their work to support the Iraqi government.



**President Obama on End of U.S. Combat Mission in Iraq** - "This was my pledge to the American people as a candidate for this office. Last February, I announced a plan that would bring our combat brigades out of Iraq, while redoubling our efforts to strengthen Iraq's Security Forces and support its government and people. That's what we've done. We've removed nearly 100,000 U.S. troops from Iraq. We've closed or transferred to the Iraqis hundreds of bases. And we have moved millions of pieces of equipment out of Iraq." [Read the transcript](#) | [Watch the video: mp3](#)

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